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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

	knov	ovos X. Tsounakis, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of wledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Finance US Corporation	, as
	_	cember 31, , 2008 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that	
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	(i)	Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.  Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.  A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the	
	(k)	Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.  A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.	
	(m) (n)	An Oath or Affirmation.  A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.  A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous	audit.
X	(o)	Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.	

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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# **Alpha Finance US Corporation**

(A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE) Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2008

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#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

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To the Stockholder Alpha Finance US Corporation

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Alpha Finance US Corporation (the "Company") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE) as of December 31, 2008 that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alpha Finance US Corporation as of December 31, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, N.Y. February 6, 2009

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# Alpha Finance US Corporation

(A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE)

### **Statement of Financial Condition**

**December 31, 2008** 

Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,455,133
Due from clearing broker		125,188
Due from Parent		23,148
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		48,742
of \$969,675		
Other assets		29,552
Total assets	\$	1,681,763
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		149,953
Total liabilities	_	149,953
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 1,000 shares authorized and 288.42 shares		
issued and outstanding		3
Paid-in capital		10,152,797
Accumulated deficit		(8,620,990)
Total stockholder's equity		1,531,810
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	_\$_	1,681,763

#### Alpha Finance US Corporation (A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE) Notes to Financial Statement December 31, 2008

#### 1. Organization

Alpha Finance US Corporation (the "Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE (the "Parent"), a Greek financial institution. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (the "FINRA"). The Company was incorporated on April 21, 1999 and commenced operations on February 24, 2000.

The Company offers, on an agency basis, research, execution and clearing services for Greek and other European equities and fixed income products to U.S. qualified institutional, accredited and retail investors, including initial public offerings, private placements, asset management services, American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts.

The Company also offers brokerage services to U.S., Greek and other European retail, private and institutional investors for U.S. securities.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of the purchase to be cash equivalents.

The Company maintains its cash balances in one financial institution which, at times, exceeds federally-insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated under the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the term of the lease or the useful life of the improvements.

#### Revenue and Expense Recognition from Securities Transactions

Securities transactions and the related revenues and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis.

#### **Due from Parent**

Amounts due from Parent represent commissions, which are denominated in U.S. dollars.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statement in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### 3. Clearing Agreement

The Company has an agreement with a brokerage firm to carry its customer accounts.

The Company is subject to credit risk if the broker is unable to repay balances due or deliver securities in its custody.

The Company is required to maintain a collateral account with its clearing broker with a minimum market value of \$100,000. This cash position serves as collateral for any losses the brokerage firm sustains as a result of the failure of the Company's customers to satisfy their obligations in connection with their securities transactions.

#### 4. Property and Equipment

A summary of the cost and accumulated depreciation of property and equipment at December 31, 2008 is as follows:

		Estimated <u>Useful Life</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 619,332	3 years
Leasehold improvements	224,155	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	<u>174,930</u>	4 years
	1,018,417	
Less accumulated depreciation	969,675	
	<u>\$ 48,742</u>	

#### 5. Related Party Transactions

The Company is economically dependent on the Parent and its affiliates which are under common control. The Parent intends to provide the Company with continued support to meet its capital requirements.

The Company acts as an agent for institutional customers in the purchase and sale of foreign securities. The Company executes orders on an agency basis through affiliated companies (broker-dealers) of the Parent. Institutional customers of the Company settle and clear these trades locally on delivery versus payment or receipt versus payment (DVP/RVP) basis. Commissions are collected by the Parent and remitted periodically. In connection with these brokerage activities, the amount due from the Parent amounts to \$23,148.

Alpha Finance US Corporation (A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE) Notes to Financial Statement December 31, 2008

#### 6. Net Capital

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 (the "Rule") of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company has elected to use the alternative method, as permitted by the Rule, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions, as defined. At December 31, 2008, the Company's net capital under the Rule was \$1,430,322, which exceeded the minimum requirement of \$250,000 by \$1,180,322.

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) for all domestic transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully-disclosed basis and under paragraph (k)(2)(i) for all foreign transactions cleared on DVP/RVP basis.

#### 7. Income Taxes

The Company provides for income taxes in accordance with the asset and liability method and recognizes deferred income taxes for the expected future tax consequences of differences in the book and tax bases of assets and liabilities and available net operating loss carryforwards.

At December 31, 2008, differences in depreciation methods and net operating loss carryforwards gave rise to a deferred tax asset of approximately \$3,400,000, for which a full valuation allowance is provided due to uncertainty of its realization.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$8,300,000 for federal and state purposes available to offset future taxable income. The net operating loss carryforwards begin to expire in 2019 until 2028.

#### 8. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company executes, as agent, securities transactions on behalf of customers. If the agency transactions do not settle because of failure to perform by either the customer or the counterparty, the Company may be obligated to discharge the obligations of the nonperforming party and, as a result, may sustain a loss if the value of the security is different from the contract amount of the transaction.

#### Alpha Finance US Corporation (A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Alpha Bank AE) Notes to Financial Statement December 31, 2008

#### 9. Commitments

The Company entered into a noncancellable lease for office space, which expires in 2009. Minimum rentals under this lease agreement are as follows:

	Minimum Lease
Year Ending December 31,	_Obligation
2009	<u>\$ 257,276</u>
Total future minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 257,276</u>

Under the lease terms, annual rental is subject to escalation clauses related to utilities, taxes, and other operating expenses.

#### 10. Employee Benefit Plan

The Company participates in a 401(k) savings plan covering substantially all full-time employees. Under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Subsection 401(k), employees are entitled to contribute voluntary, tax-deductible contributions within specified limits. The Company matches employee contributions at 100% from 1% up to a maximum of 6% of an employee's base pay. Employer matching contributions shall be determined by the employer with respect to each plan year.

